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MINUTES

October 18, 2023 at 8:30am

1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room B

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present: Dr. Robyn Jaynes, Ms. Jane Soloman, Mr. Jim Loughhead, Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT, Ms. Jessica Creager, and Dr. Craig Nausley.

Members Absent: Dr. Melissa Thompson, Dr. Darren Wright, and Dr. Greg Byrne.

Staff and Legal Counsel Present: Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Mr. Marc Harris, AAG (Assistant Attorney General); and Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Senior Medical Investigator; Annelise VanSchoelandt, Premises Compliance Specialist; and Todd Mannon, Premises Compliance Specialist.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Dr. Jaynes at 8:39am.

II. INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CASES

1. 23-119, In Re: Margaret Sorenson, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 23-120, In Re: Bryan Buchanan, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 23-121, In Re: Julia Lynn, DVM

Dr. Nausley was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to modify the Investigative Committee's recommendation and dismiss this issue with no violation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with

respect to ensuring follow up is occurring when a client calls with concerns. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 recusal (Dr. Nausley).

4. 23-123, In Re: Desiree Garthe, DVM

Ms. Soloman was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and dismiss this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 recusal (Ms. Soloman).

5. 23-124, In Re: Gurjit Sandhu, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present and made statements on behalf of Dr. Sandhu. Mr. Richard Tracey was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to offer Dr. Sandhu a **Consent Agreement** adopting the Investigative Committee's Findings of Fact as the Board's Findings of Fact. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to amend the Investigative Committee's Conclusions of Law and find Dr. Sandhu in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (11)** Gross negligence; treatment of a patient or practice of veterinary medicine resulting in injury, unnecessary suffering or death that was caused by carelessness, negligence or the disregard of established principles or practices - Respondent failed to emphasize the need for the dog to have the pressure checked in the left eye by an emergency facility, primary care veterinarian, or specialist. Respondent did not have the equipment to check the dog's eye pressure;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedures by not providing adequate instructions and possible outcomes of the ocular disorders;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** failure to maintain adequate records of veterinary services provided; Respondent's medical records are illegible;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502**:
 - o **(L) (4)** failure to fully document the condition of the dog's left eye on examination in the medical record; and
 - o **(L) (9)** failure to record the results of the fluorescein stain test in the medical record.

Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Loughhead).

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to offer Dr. Sandhu a Consent Agreement that includes a period of **Probation for 1-year to obtain six (6) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure; those six (6) hours shall be in:

- **Four (4) hours in Ophthalmology;** and
- **Two (2) hours in Client Communication.**

The Consent Agreement shall also include a **civil penalty of \$1000** to be paid on or before the end of the Probationary period. If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days the matter will be scheduled for an Informal Interview.

Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, nay; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay.

6. 23-133, In Re: Steven Thomasson, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 23-134, In Re: Jennifer Johnson, VMD

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 23-135, In Re: Benjamin Merkel, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to offer Dr. Merkel a **Consent Agreement** adopting the Investigative Committee's Findings of Fact as the Board's Findings of Fact, reject the Investigative Committee's recommendation and modify the Conclusions of Law to find Dr. Merkel in violation of **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (11)** Malpractice and gross negligence; due to an improper treatment plan, improper application of a bandage, and an improper follow up plan and care, which led to the dog's leg requiring amputation. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to offer Dr. Merkel a Consent Agreement that includes a period of **Probation for 1-year to obtain four (4) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure; those four (4) hours shall be in **fracture management**. If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days, the matter will be scheduled for an Informal Interview.

Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 23-136, In Re: Estevan Fernandez, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to schedule this matter to an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed unanimously.

10. 23-137, In Re: Thomas Miller, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

11. 23-138, In Re: Thomas Miller, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

12. 23-143, In Re: Emma Kulkarni, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

13. 23-144, In Re: Amy Kranch, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

14. 24-10, In Re: Lindsay Birrenbach, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter to a Formal Hearing based on her conduct violating **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (18)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-401**. Motion passed unanimously.

15. 24-26, In Re: Roger Chen, DVM

Dr. Chen was present; made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to adopt the Findings of Fact outlined in the Investigative Division Report as the Board's Findings of Fact. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Loughhead).

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Nausley to find Dr. Chen in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2274 (A) (5)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502 (D)** When providing a veterinary medical service, a veterinarian shall ensure that no expired supplies are used;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2274 (A) (5)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502(J)(2)** failure to ensure that a prescription-only drug or prescription-only device is destroyed or returned to the manufacturer or distributor no later than 30 days after its expiration date;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2274 (A) (4)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502(L)(7)** failure to consistently document medication concentration and route of administration in the medical record;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2274 (A) (4)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502(K)(2)** failure to maintain adequate controlled substance inventory log;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2274 (A) (4)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502(K)(3)** failure to maintain adequate controlled substance dispensing log;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2274 (A) (4)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-703 (4)** failure to maintain a clean facility.

Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Loughhead).

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Nausley, to offer Dr. Chen a **Consent Agreement** that includes a period of **Probation of 1-year to obtain six (6) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure; those six (6) hours shall include:

- **2 hours in Practice Management;**
- **2 hours in Medical Record Keeping;** and
- **2 hours in Controlled Substances.**

The Consent Agreement shall also include a \$100 **civil penalty** for each repeated premises violation for a total of **\$600** to be paid on or before the end of the Probationary period. Additionally, the premises shall undergo a reinspection prior to the end of the Probationary period. If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days, the matter will be scheduled for an Informal Interview. Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, nay; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, nay; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 4 ayes, 2 nays.

16. 24-27, In Re: Jacqueline Magill, CVT

Ms. Magill was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **pend** the matter until next month to verify changes have been made and have Ms. Magill to provide an update to the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

17. 24-28, In Re: Emily Young, CVT

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed unanimously.

18. 24-29, In Re: Jessica Schneider, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to dismiss this issue with no violation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with respect to ensuring proper protocols are being followed and the medical records are clear on how cats are examined and the level of exam that was able to be conducted. Motion passed unanimously.

19. 24-31, In Re: Petya Trifonova-Burt, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

III. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS - BOARD DELIBERATION AND ACTION

1. 23-73, In Re: Stephen Gilson, DVM

Dr. Gilson was present telephonically, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Marybeth Roden was present telephonically, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Mr. Loughead to amend the Findings of Fact in the proposed Consent Agreement – striking paragraphs 6 and 8 – and adopt as the Board's Findings of Fact as amended. Roll call: Mr. Loughead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Gilson in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502 (L) (4)** failure to document in the medical record the examination of the dog on 12/1/22; and
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502 (L) (7) (d)** failure to document in the medical record the route of administration for the butorphanol (12/1/22) administered to the dog.

Roll call: Mr. Loughead, nay; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, nay; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, nay; and Ms. Frost, aye. **Motion failed, 3 ayes, 3 nays.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Gilson an **Order** that includes **Findings of Fact** in the proposed Consent Agreement with the exception of paragraphs 6 and 8. Roll call: Mr. Loughead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Gilson in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502 (L) (4)** failure to document in the medical record the examination of the dog on 12/1/22; and
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502 (L) (7) (d)** failure to document in the medical record the route of administration for the butorphanol (12/1/22) administered to the dog.

Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Gilson an Order that includes a **civil penalty of \$200** payable within 90 days of the effective date of the Order. Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 23-112, In Re: Jessica Seibel, DVM

Dr. Seibel was present with attorney David Stoll, made statements and answered questions. Mr. Kyle Tourt was present, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Terri Tex was present telephonically, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Seibel in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide respect to the owner of the animal through courteous verbal or written interchange, professional acceptable procedures and use of current professional and scientific knowledge when the pet owner presented a bulldog and requested a pre-planned c-section. There was no vaginal exam performed to rule out performing a c-section; there was no documentation that a fetal sac was protruding from the dog for a period of time; and the videoed conversation and medical records, which were not professionally acceptable, did not match the testimony provided.

Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 23-72, In Re: Simon Escalada, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of September 20, 2023, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Escalada an Order that includes a period of **Probation for 1-year** to obtain an additional **nine (9) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure; those nine (9) hours shall include:

- Three (3) hours in **Medical Record Keeping**;
- Three (3) hours in **Internal Medicine**; and
- Three (3) hours in **Ethics of the Profession**.

Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

1. 19-71: In Re: Celeste Roy, DVM. Quarterly Board appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented.

Dr. Roy was present in compliance with her Consent Agreement.

2. 23-80: In Re: Dawn Hunsberger, VMD. Monthly appearance required by Interim Consent Agreement (ICA). Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented and may amend ICA.

Dr. Nausley was recused. Dr. Hunsberger was present in compliance with her Consent Agreement. The Board discussed possibly stepping requirements down next month based on therapist's letter.

3. Combined cases 22-136 & 23-03: In Re: Maya Bellapianta, DVM. Monthly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with consent agreement and other information presented and may amend ICA.

Dr. Bellapianta was present in compliance with her Consent Agreement and made statements; attorney Flynn Carey was present and made statements on behalf of Dr. Bellapianta.

4. 19-37: In Re: Crystal Delano, DVM. Quarterly Board appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented.

Dr. Delano was present in compliance with her Consent Agreement.

5. 23-62: In Re: Lorna Lanman, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Dr. Lanman's Motion for Rehearing and Review of Board Order.

Dr. Jaynes abstained. Dr. Lanman was present with attorney Flynn Carey.

- At 1:40pm, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to go into executive session for legal advice. Motion passed unanimously.
- At 1:59pm, the Board entered back into open session.

Mr. Carey made statements and answered questions on behalf of Dr. Lanman. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **deny** Dr. Lanman's Motion for Rehearing and Review of her Board Order. Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, abstained; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 abstention.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to grant a limited Review to amend the Findings of Fact to ensure they are congruent with the Conclusions of Law. Those would include the following the follow areas:

- VD Radiographs - clarifying the reason needed;
- Referencing text messages; and

- Medical record keeping issues.

Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, abstained; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 abstention.

6. 23-60: In Re: Vicki Harris, DVM. Board may review, discuss and take action on Continuing Education Plan submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Dr. Nausley to approve Dr. Harris's continuing education plan submitted in compliance with her Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 23-142: In Re: Katherine Norris, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information submitted as required by Consent Agreement and may return license to Active status.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to accept the information submitted by Dr. Norris as required by her Consent Agreement and return her license back to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 23-47: In Re: Kimberly Young, DVM. Board may review, discuss and take action on Continuing Education Plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept Dr. Young's continuing education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 23-75: In Re: Ellana Alvarez Calderon, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Practice Monitor Quarterly Report as required by Consent Agreement.

No action taken.

10. 23-78: In Re: Sara McMichael, CVT. Board may review, discuss, and take action on self-assessment submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement, review update on the Board receiving drug testing results, and may take action on other information presented.

No action taken.

11. 23-61: In Re: Christopher Dorto, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on revised Continuing Education Plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept Dr. Dorto's revised continuing education plan submitted in compliance with his Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

12. 23-62: In Re: Lorna Lanman, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on revised Continuing Education Plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to accept Dr. Lanman's revised continuing education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

13. 23-96: In Re: Jaime Pickett, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with Consent Agreement and may lift stay of suspension of veterinary license based on compliance with Consent Agreement.

Dr. Jaynes was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to lift the Stay of **Suspension**, Suspending Dr. Pickett's license until she completes and passed the exam. Roll call: Mr. Loughhead, aye; Ms.

Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, recused; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 recusal.

V. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Board may review, discuss, and take action on unlicensed practitioner case, C-24-02, In Re: Danielle Hinch.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to resend the Educational letter to Ms. Hinch, refer the matter to the County Attorney and Attorney General's Office and close the matter. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on reportable charge submitted by Gabriel Cox, DVM.

After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to request Dr. Cox keep the updated every 90 days until resolution of the matter.

3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request regarding the clarification of interpretation of A.R.S. §32-2242(B) pertaining to Certified Veterinary Technician application requirements, per A.R.S. §41-1001.02:

a. Kelsey Tomlin

Ms. Tomlin was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to **accept** Ms. Tomlin's information with respect to A.R.S. §32-2242(B) pertaining to Certified Veterinary Technician application requirements, per A.R.S. §41-1001.02. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises inspections:

a. P0121: Santis Pet Clinic. Hugo Santibanez, DVM.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **open an investigation** with respect to Santis Pet Clinic. Motion passed unanimously.

b. P0663: Bear Canyon Pet Clinic. Lynn VanErven, DVM.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **reinspect** Bear Canyon Pet Clinic within the year. Motion passed unanimously.

c. R3832: Western Animal Hospital. Catalin Petcu, DVM.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **reinspect** Western Animal Hospital within the year. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board may review, discuss, and take action on International Council for Veterinary Assessment's 2023 Annual Report for Licensing Boards.

Informational only – no action taken

6. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary technician applications:

a. Jennifer Rensink

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman, to accept applicant Rensink's veterinary technician application. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary applications:

a. Nancy J. Thomas, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept applicant Thomas's veterinary application. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Board may review, discuss, and take action on update from William Sean Penn, DVM.

After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to request Dr. Penn provide an update in 90 days.

9. Board may review, discuss, and take action on report from attendees of American Association of Veterinary State Boards Annual meeting.

Ms. Creager updated the Board on topics of discussion conducted at the AAVSB's Annual meeting.

10. Assistant Attorney General Report

a. 2023 Legislative updates

Mr. Harris provided the Board with an update on legislation for 2023.

11. Board may review, discuss, and take action on meeting with Senator John Kavanagh regarding proposed legislative bill impacting the agency.

Ms. Whitmore was directed by the Board to contact the Governor's office to advise them of the proposed legislation.

12. Executive Director Report:

a. New legislation effective October 30, 2023

- 1. SB1053: Veterinary medicine; electronic means**
- 2. SB1194: State veterinarian; certified rabies vaccinator**
- 3. SB1401: Animal acupuncture; certification; requirements**
- 4. SB1068: Police dogs; emergency treatment**

Ms. Whitmore updated the Board on the above legislation that will go into effect October 30, 2023.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 20, 2023 Regular Session

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to approve the September 20, 2023 regular session minutes. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Dr. Nausley).

2. September 20, 2023 Executive Session

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to approve the September 20, 2023 executive session minutes. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Dr. Nausley).

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Premises Licenses – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R4241: Fetch the Pet Vet. New Premises. Jennifer Johnson, DVM.
2. R4242: Valley Verde Veterinarians. Address Change. Stacy Nolasco, DVM.
3. R4243: 101 Spay and Neuter Clinic. Address Change. Diego Florez, DVM.
4. R4244: Cruisin Vet, Happy Vet. New Premises. Anna George, DVM.
5. R4246: Canyon Animal Hospital. New Owner/Responsible Veterinarian. Roxy Leslie, DVM.
6. R4248: Sabino Veterinary Care. New Responsible Veterinarian. Chelsea Radtke, DVM.
7. R4249: Arizona Spay and Neuter Clinic – Mesa. New Premises. Erin Greenwood, DVM.
8. R4250: Dynamite Creek Animal Hospital. New Owner. Thomas Hutchinson, DVM.
9. R4251: Legacy Veterinary Service. Address Change. Helena Carner, DVM.
10. R4252: The Bailey Veterinary Medical Center. New Premises. Elizabeth Jobe, DVM.
11. R4253: United Animal Friends Snip n Go Clinic. New Premises. Joseph Mancino, DVM.
12. R4254: Pet Dental USA. New Premises. Kerry Mead, DVM.
13. R4255: Petsmart Veterinary Services. New Premises. Jarrod Dorsey, DVM.
14. R4257: Vetco Total Care #1104. New Responsible Veterinarian. Raissa De La Cruz, DVM.
15. R4260: Higley Pointe Veterinary Services LLC. New Premises. Santana Rose Overton, DVM.
16. R4269: Las Sendas Animal Hospital. New Owner. Amanda Liesse, DVM.
17. R4270: Signal Butte Animal Hospital. New Owner. John Graham, DVM.
18. R4271: Dobson Ranch Animal Hospital. New Owner. Casie McReynolds, DVM.
19. R4272: Arizona Veterinary Oncology. New Owner. Eric Boshoven, DVM.
20. R4277: Pinnacle Peak Animal Hospital. New Responsible Veterinarian. Christina Philip, DVM.
21. R4279: Animal Hospital at Anthem. New Owner. Brian Waller, DVM.
22. R4280: Dove Valley Animal Hospital. New Owner. Michael Kiedrowski, DVM.
23. R4281: Norterra Animal Hospital. New Owner. Michelle Horvath-Carano, DVM.
24. R4282: Happy Valley Animal Hospital. New Owner. Kaylee Yoshimoto, DVM.
25. R4285: Encanto Pet Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Michael Lent, DVM.
26. R4290: Hillside Animal Hospital. New Responsible Veterinarian. Nicola Council, DVM.
27. R4267: Goodyear Animal Hospital. New Owner. Lauren Allison, DVM
28. R4268: Sarival Animal Hospital. New Owner. Wesley Arnold, DVM
29. R4274: North Buckeye Animal Hospital. New Owner. Michelle Medlin, DVM
30. R4286: Beardsley Animal Hospital. New Owner/Responsible Veterinarian. Tyler Padgett, DVM
31. R4287: Arrowhead Ranch Animal Hospital. New Owner. Martin Glanzberg, DVM
32. R4288: Fletcher Heights Animal Hospital. New Owner. Andrea Cohen, DVM
33. R4289: Westbrook Animal Hospital. New Owner. W. Hummel Jr., DVM

A (1), (9) (13), (31) and (32) were removed from Consent Agenda.

Approval of Premises Inspections granted.

B. Approval of Random Premises Inspections – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R0373: Home Care Veterinary Services. Tom Caldwell, DVM
2. R0841: Sun City West Animal Hospital. Joshua Winston, DVM
3. R1249: Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty and Emergency. Rueben Merideth,
4. R1357: Madera Animal Hospital: Heather Redmon, DVM
5. R1367: Camelwest Animal Hospital. Nicole McCreedy, DVM.

6. R1611: Topaz Veterinary Clinic. Sarah Berthiaume, DVM
7. R2360: Equine Veterinary Services. John Byrne, DVM.
8. R2493: Southwest Veterinary Internal Medicine. Michael Matz, DVM
9. R2618: Verde Valley Roaming Veterinary Services. Monica Mongini, DVM.
10. R2624: Animal Hospital at Grayhawk. Michael Berman, DVM.
11. R3515: Copper Mountain Animal Hospital. John Olson, DVM
12. R3532: Arizona Mobile Veterinary Practice. Michael Marricle, DVM.
13. R3537: Granite Mountain Veterinary Hospital. Katherine Siens, DVM.
14. R3547: Civano Animal Hospital and Emergency Center. Lindsay Juhl, DVM
15. R3551: Lifecare Animal Hospital. Jamie Schmidt, DVM
16. R1532: Central Animal Hospital. Michael Samuels, DVM
17. R3632: Doc Karla, LLC. Karla Lombana, DVM

B (2) was removed from Consent Agenda.

Approval of Random Premises Inspections granted.

C. Approval of Change of Scope Requests - Responsible Owner listed

1. R3547: Civano Animal Hospital and Emergency Center. Add Mobile Unit. Lindsay Juhl, DVM
2. R3950: Alta Mesa Animal Hospital. Jade Lanier, DVM

Approval of Random Animal Crematory Inspections granted.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to **approve** the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Removed From Consent Agenda:

A (1), (9) and (13)

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to approve the above premises **pending inspection and compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

A (31) and (32)

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to approve the above premises **pending compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

B (2)

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to direct staff to conduct a follow up premises inspection and refer to DEA. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

No current events discussed.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No member of the public wished to address the Board.

X. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at 1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room "B," Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. One or more Board members may appear telephonically.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Whitmore', is written over a horizontal line.

Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director